



Whareama School

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Term 3, Week 6

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Well obviously this is not the ideal situation we are in, however I do want to say how proud I am at how well our students and parents have engaged in our home learning programme. We know it is not easy and we are not expecting you to be the teachers, but the more support you can give your students in the programmes we are providing, the more they will get out of it. Thanks so much for all the positive comments back to us with regards to what's happening in our programmes and please keep up the feedback so that we can keep adjusting and making it suit its purpose.

The Ministry's recommendations are that school is closed at Level 3 – other than for children of parents who must return to work and they cannot find alternative care arrangements. Thank you so much for working with us on this and we hope that everything is back to relative normality at Level 2 next week. Stay safe, be kind and keep smiling.

Nga mihi, Darren Kerr

SKI TRIP

Sadly, this could not go ahead due to Covid Levels but we do have a postponement date to Tuesday 21st – 24th of September. Once again this trip cannot go ahead, unless we are at Level 1 or below so keep your fingers crossed. If the trip does not go ahead there will be a full refund for any money paid to school.



SPEECH DAY

On Wednesday, 15 September from 1 pm we will be having our family and a school speech day. All students will be required to do an age-appropriate speech and as we did not have this last year due to Covid, it would be great to have it up and going again. In the afternoon, after the speeches, we will have a shared afternoon tea so please bring a plate along to share. We would like all children to have at least one parent come and support their children do their speeches, however if you are stuck and cannot come out please phone school and let us know as we can run a bus to get students home if we need to. If we do not hear from you, we are trusting that at least one adult from your family will be joining us and then taking your children home.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

This rotation of Design Technology is currently on hold due to still being at Level 3. We will talk to Makoura College to see what can be done about this programme and a possible catch up for the missed lessons.

RURAL KIDS PROGRAMME

Our fourth session is cancelled this Thursday the 2nd of September. The next session will hopefully be up and going again on Thursday the 16th of September.

VIRTUAL LEARNING NETWORK – EXTENSION PROGRAMME

Even during Home Learning the VLN programme continues to go ahead. Luke, Charlee, Ollie, Digby, Nelson and Josh please make sure you go to your online lessons on time to take part in your courses.

MATHARAPA COMPETITION

Well done to our Year 5/6 team who ended up 5th overall and our Year 8 team who finished 9th overall in the recent competition. A special mention to Ollie Halewood who won the overall individual placing from all the competitors at the event.



SENIOR SWIM PROGRAMME

I am really hoping that next week we are back to normal at school as we have been offered an amazing opportunity for all the Year 5-8 students to have five free swimming lessons at the Masterton town pools. All transport is included with this package so hopefully everything will be back to normal in Week 7 so we can still take part.

FRIDAY ONESIE DAY FUNDRAISER

So this Friday we were meant to be having our Onesie Day fundraiser. So my challenge to you is to dress in a ONESIE for the day, take a photo and send them to me on my email principal@whareama.school.nz and I will put a slideshow together. Also please go to the website below to donate something to the Wellington Free Ambulance to support this charity!



<https://www.onesieday.co.nz/beneficiaries/wellington-free-ambulance/donations/new>

WHAREAMA SCHOOL 125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Yes, we are turning 125 years old next year. To celebrate this amazing milestone in our school's history we are planning a celebration weekend. Please lock into your calendars Friday the 8th April and Saturday the 9th April next year for this celebration. More details will be out soon and a huge thanks to Pip Fairbrother who is leading the organisation of this weekend for us.

Regards -The Team at Whareama School.

Upcoming Events:

TERM 3:

Fri 3rd Sept – ONESIE Day Fundraiser
Mon 6th Sept – Whakatutuki Swim Programme
Weds 15th Sept – Whareama Speech Day – 1pm
Thurs 16th Sept – RURAL KIDS 5 – Year 7/8
Mon 20th Sept – BOT Meeting – 5.30pm
Tues 21st – Fri 24th Sept – Ski Trip
Thurs 23rd Sept – HPV Vaccinations – Year 7
Fri 1st October – Term 3 Ends